

Application No. 10/808,812

Reply to Office Action

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Summary of the Application

Claims 1-9 and 11-21 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 11 are amended. Support for these amendments may be found in the application as filed, for example, at page 5, line 34 to page 6, line 1.

Summary of the Office Action

The Office Action enters a final rejection against claims 1, 4-9 and 11-21, and objects to claims 2 and 3 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 2 and 3 would be allowable, according to the Office Action, if rewritten in independent form.

The rejected claims as said in the Office Action to be anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,593,057 to Kita ("Kita").

Discussion of the Rejections/Objections

The Office Action notes that the prior art of record (e.g., Kita) fails to teach or suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art to prepare the material of the instant claims wherein the particles have a size greater than 0.4 microns. *See Office Action, p. 3.*

In view of this comment on the content and teaching provided by the prior art, applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 to more clearly describe the subject matter they claim as their invention. As the claimed subject matter recited in amended claims 1 and 11, when viewed as a whole, is not disclosed or taught by the prior art, applicants submit that all of the pending claims are allowable over that art. Withdrawal of the rejection and objection set forth in the Office Action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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